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CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Austria, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Morocco, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: draft resolution

Crime prevention and criminal justice

The General Assembly,

Alarmed by high costs of crime, particularly in its new and transnational forms, and the danger posed to the individual as such and societies and to the welfare of all nations by the rising incidence of crime,

Reaffirming the responsibility assumed by the United Nations in crime prevention and criminal justice,

Emphasizing the need for strengthened regional and international cooperation to combat crime in all its forms and to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of criminal justice systems,

Bearing in mind the goals of the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, specifically the reduction of criminality, more efficient and effective law enforcement and administration of justice, respect for human rights and the promotion of the highest standards of fairness, humanity and professional conduct,

Recognizing that many States suffer from extreme shortage of human and financial resources, impeding them from adequately responding to problems related to crime,

Recalling its relevant resolutions as well as the decisions of the Economic and Social Council, which accorded a high level of priority to the activities of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme and requested

an appropriate share of the overall resources of the United Nations for the programme,

Recalling also its resolution 47/91 of 16 December 1992, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to strengthen the crime prevention and criminal justice programme and upgrade, as a matter of urgency, the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch of the Secretariat into a Division,

Recalling further Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/34 of 27 July 1993, in which the Council requested the Secretary-General to strengthen the institutional capacity of the programme to enable it to elaborate, execute and evaluate operational activities and advisory services in its area of competence upon request from Member States,

Convinced that the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch can only be effective if it is provided with resources commensurate to its requirements and adequate to allow it to implement its mandates and respond in a timely and efficient manner to the increasing requests of Member States for its services,

Deeply concerned over the protracted delay in the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 46/152 of 18 December 1991, 47/91 of 16 December 1992 and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1992/22 of 30 July 1992, 1993/31 and 1993/34 of 27 July 1993, with respect to the strengthening of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme and the upgrading of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch into a division,

1. Welcomes with appreciation Economic and Social Council resolutions 1993/27, 1993/28, 1993/29, 1993/30, 1993/31, 1993/32, 1993/33 and 1993/34 of 27 July 1993;

2. Reaffirms the importance of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme and the crucial role it has to play in promoting international cooperation in crime prevention and criminal justice, in responding to the needs of the international community in the face of both national and transnational criminality, and in assisting Member States to achieve the goals of preventing crime within and among States and improving the response to crime;

3. Reaffirms also the high priority of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in accordance with its resolutions 46/152 and 47/91, and the need for an appropriate share of the existing resources of the United Nations for the programme;

4. Requests the Secretary-General, as a matter of urgency, to give immediate effect to General Assembly resolutions 46/152 and 47/91 and to Economic and Social Council resolutions 1992/22, 1993/31 and 1993/34 by providing it with sufficient resources for the full implementation of its mandates, in conformity with the high priority attached to the programme;

5. Reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to upgrade the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch of the Secretariat into a Division, as recommended in and in accordance with General Assembly resolution 46/152;

6. Further requests the Secretary-General to provide adequate resources from the existing regular budget of the United Nations to build and maintain the institutional capacity of the crime prevention and criminal justice programme to respond to requests of Member States for assistance in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, if necessary through the reallocation of resources, independently from resources available through voluntary contributions;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary measures for assisting the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in performing its functions as the principal policy-making body in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, and ensuring the proper coordination of all relevant activities in the field, in particular with the Commission of Human Rights and the Commission on Narcotic Drugs;

8. Invites the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to give favourable consideration to the proposals of the Secretary-General in the implementation of the present resolution;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to undertake all steps necessary to ensure the adequate organization of the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1993/32 of 27 July 1993;

10. Expresses its support to the World Ministerial Conference on Organized Transnational Crime, to be held in Italy in the third quarter of 1994, and calls upon Member States to be represented at the Conference at the highest possible level;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to take all measures necessary to ensure the adequate organization of the Conference and to submit its conclusions and recommendations to the General Assembly for consideration at its forty-ninth session;

12. Welcomes the initiative to hold in Italy in June 1994, under the auspices of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch, the International Conference on "Laundering and Controlling Proceeds of Crime: a Global Approach", to be organized by the Government of Italy together with the International Scientific and Professional Advisory Council;

13. Invites the relevant funding agencies of the United Nations to consider including crime prevention and criminal justice activities in their funding programmes, taking into account the increasing needs of Member States in the field, and to cooperate closely with the crime prevention and criminal justice programme in planning and implementing these activities;

14. Invites Governments to lend their full support to the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme and to increase financial contributions to the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Trust Fund;

15. Requests the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution and resolutions 46/152 and 47/91 to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session.

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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION AND TO YOUTH, AGEING, DISABLED PERSONS AND THE FAMILY

Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Cape Verde, Chile, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gabon, Greece, India, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Netherlands, Pakistan, Peru, Portugal, Spain, Venezuela and Zimbabwe: draft resolution

World Summit for Social Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 47/92 of 16 December 1992, by which it decided to convene a World Summit for Social Development, agreed on the objectives and core issues of the Summit and, inter alia, established a Preparatory Committee,

Recalling also the deliberations of the High-level Segment of the Economic and Social Council for 1993 on the item "World Summit for Social Development" and the deliberations of the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-third session, 1/

Recalling further the decision by the Preparatory Committee at its organizational session to convene the World Summit for Social Development from 6 to 12 March 1995 at Copenhagen, Denmark,

Considering that the World Summit for Social Development and its preparatory process should strengthen efforts by all countries to promote policies for the enhancement of social integration in all societies, the alleviation and reduction of poverty and the expansion of productive employment,

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1/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1993, Supplement No. 4 (E/1993/24), chap. II.

Considering also the contributions of non-governmental organizations,

Taking into account the need to facilitate the work of the substantive sessions of the Preparatory Committee,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the summary prepared by the President of the Economic and Social Council on the deliberations of the High-level Segment of the Economic and Social Council during the regular session for 1993 and of resolution 33/1 adopted by the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-third session; 2/

2. Also takes note with appreciation of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its organizational session;

3. Calls upon all Member States, in accordance with paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 47/92, to appoint personal representatives of the heads of State and/or Government or other appropriate high-level representatives specifically designated by Governments for their participation in the first substantive session of the Preparatory Committee;

4. Invites all Member States to contribute generously to the voluntary Trust Fund established in accordance with General Assembly resolution 47/92 for the additional activities required for the preparation and holding of the World Summit for Social Development, particularly the participation of the least developed countries in the Summit and its preparatory process;

5. Invites all Member States to set up National Committees for the World Summit for Social Development and to hold meetings for public debate on the core issues to be addressed by the Summit;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to make the necessary provisions in order that the Preparatory Committee may, if it so decides:

(a) Establish, during the first substantive session, a working group of the whole to meet in parallel with the plenary for a duration of one week;

(b) Establish, during the second substantive session, a working group of the whole to meet in parallel with the plenary for a duration of two weeks;

(c) Establish, during the third substantive session, two working groups to meet in parallel with the plenary for a duration of two weeks;

7. Calls upon the Secretary-General to report to the Preparatory Committee at its first substantive session on the implementation of the programme of public information for the World Summit for Social Development;

2/ Ibid., chap. I.D.

8. Invites the organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system as well as other intergovernmental organizations, in particular the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Development Programme, the International Labour Organization, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Population Fund, the Food and Agriculture Organization, the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements, regional commissions, the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank to inform the Preparatory Committee on their contributions to the Summit and its preparatory work at its first substantive session;

9. Calls upon the non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the United Nations and those accredited to the Summit and its preparatory process to contribute fully to the work of the Preparatory Committee and to the Summit;

10. Requests the Preparatory Committee to report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session on the progress of work of the Committee and the preparations for the Summit.